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SPECIAL WAR NOTES

SERIOUS SIDE OF ARMY LIFE—HARDSHIPS AND PERILOUS ESPISODES

THRILLING INDIAN ENCOUNTERS

Startling Victories won by the Gallant Tenth Cavalry—An Encounter With the Crees—War Items—Bivwacking.

NOTE:—The series of articles furnished under the head; "Special War Notes," of which the following is the eighth were written especially for The Freeman, and will contain brief sketches of the black heroes who took such a conspicuous part in the campaign of 1898.

The hardships and perilous episodes incident to army life do not end with the actual conflict on the battle field. There are a great many dangers to face and to overcome by the soldier of which the reading public is not aware. During the heated campaigns in the wild and woolly West a few years ago, the black heroes of the Tenth United States cavalry executed orders which required men insensible to dangers. They were faithful and the work of which I shall now write indicates with what fidelity they carried out their orders.

In addition to the many thrilling incidents which I have mentioned from time to time, the Tenth cavalry has participated in numerous affairs in the performance of police duties on Indian Reservations, guarding the U. S. mail, and escorting supply trains through a rough country, the details of which cannot be given in these notes.

When the Indians first beheld the Negro soldiers they thought they were rare specimen of humanity from some unknown country; possibly agents of the evil spirit of the plains. The following amusing incident will illustrate the Indian's superstition:

A sergeant in troop D. Tenth cavalry, joined the regiment at its organization at Leavenworth, Kan., the designated rendezvous, was out one day while his command was stationed at Salt Creek, Kan., in search of wild plums which the brushy low land of that section of the country afforded in great abundance. He had plums on the brain so much that he forgot everthing else. He had plums, but he came very near being plucked by the hostile Indians. This sergeant was just in the act of reaching up to gather some fruit which hung temptingly on thorny boughs when to his astonishment, right at his feet, sprang up five Indians who had been sleeping in the sand.

It was a question for some moments which were the more surprised, the Indians or the sergeant. The Indians at first ran from the black man and the black man was frozen in his tracks with terror. He could not move. His legs refused to obey his will, and their he stood while the Indians retraced their steps and boldly marched up to him to give his physique a liberal inspection, and to examine his scalp. His kinky hair, and black complexion appeared to excite their curiosity and had the effect of overwhelming them with fear. All this time the sergeant stood paralyzed. The Indians turned from him in disgust ultimately, and the spell thus broken, the sergeant turned from the savages and fled to the camp. He was nearly winded when he reached the camp, and was only able to stammer out the story of his perilous predicament after which he was promptly arrested for leaving the camp without permission and without arms. This sergeant is still a little shy of the plum thickets of the West

But I had no intention of telling this incident since I have selected quite another subject. Perhaps the most startling experiences connected with the life of the soldier are those experienced on long rides.

On the 5th of August, 1880, General Grierson with troops A, B, C, G and H left camp ten miles south of Van Horn Wells, at three o'clock in the morning and reached Rattlesnake Springs, Tex., sixty-five miles distant across the mountains, at 11:45 o'clock the same evening, several hours in advance of the Indians who had preceded them several hours.

In April, 1894, Lieutenant Colonel Perry, with Adjutant Smith, N. C. S., troops B, E, G and K left Fort Custer about 9:00 p. m., for Custer Station, Montana, to intercept, if possible, a part of Coxey's ("Commonwealers") contingent which had stolen a Northern Pacific railroad train at Butte City, Montana, and were en route to Washington, D. C. The command forded the Big Horn River, which at that season of the years was full of melting snow from the numerous mountain streams and is treacherous at all times; was doubly so then owing to intense darkness. The crossing was however accomplished without serious mishap, and the command reached Custer Station thirty-five miles away shortly after one o'clock a. m., thus the distance was covered in four hours.

A march of 152 miles was accomplished by troop C. 10th cavalry in thirty hours without a sore back or lame horse in 1896 which finds a place in history as one of the most interesting and romanic in the history of the regiment.

On June 16th, 1896, information was received at the camp of troop C, 10th U. S. cavalry, near Havre, Montana. that a number of Cree Indians who had been rounded up during the day had escaped. The lieutenant was ordered to intercept them. As he had ridden about fifty miles that day he concluded not to start till next morning, and spent the evening in Havre getting what information he could as to their probable route. Rumors as to the course taken by the Crees were about as numerous as the dogs hovering about the average Indian village. As the most authentic news pointed to the northwest it was decided to take that direction. At 5:30 a. m., 17th, the detachment fully armed and equipped with three days' rations in saddle pockets, accompanied by an interpreter, left camp marching up Milk river about seven miles, thence in a northwesterly direction, about 11 o'clock a. m., turned due north and at 1 p. m., northeast, thence to a point where Black Coulee crosses the road to Maple Creek, thence to the lake where Black Coulee ends on the east bank of which the command bivouacked at 7 p. m. The march was resumed at 4 o'clock a. m., in extended order at 100 yards intervals. At 7 a. m., having marched about 15 miles the left skirmisher signaled that the trail had been struck. The command quickly assembled, orders given to adjust equipments, etc., and to follow at the trot, when Lieutenant Rockenbach and the interpreter started on the trail at a lope (about ten miles per hour,) so eager, however, was the detachment to be in at the death that some persuasion had to be used to prevent it from keeping up at the gallop. The West Fork was soon crossed, the Middle Fork came in view and about 10 o'clock a. m., the interpreter exclaimed "cattle" which proved to be the stock of the Indians of whom the detachment was in quest. The game was discovered in a horseshoe bend of the creek. The detachment having come in sight was signalled to keep away from the creek, and eve precaution taken to hold the prey which consisted of twenty-five Indians, forty-three head of stock, thirteen wagons and carts and dogs galore. The Indians refused to return claiming that they were across the International boundery line, but the lieutenant found by intersection on peaks of the Bear Paws that they were on the Middle (sometime called the North) Fork about one mile south of the line. He was also familiar with the country from the fact that he had been over the same map-making the summer before, and told the Crees that they would have to return and pointed to the carbines in hands of the detachment surrounding them on the crest of the hillock above as an evidence of the fact. One of them an old man, refused to go, striking himself on the head and drawing his hands across his throat (signifying Assinniboine) and uttered "no go;" this the lieutenant understood to mean, "you can break my head and cut my throat, but no go," and told him that he be d—— if he would not do both if necessary. The spirit or object of the journey having been virtually accomplished it was decided to rest until next morning, when the fact was developed that many of the men had found their saddle pockets too large for three days' rations and had provided for them promptly on bivouacking the first night.

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MR. AND MRS. T. E. WILSON.

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These two hold the banner in the van of the A. M. E. church in the state of Indiana. The Rev. T. E. Wilson and wife of Muncie, Ind. have just closed one of the most successful revivals ever conducted within the state. Five months ago when he took charge of the church. there were ten or twelve in the Sunday school. the first Sunday school teachers and pupils, sixty-five church members with from twenty-five to thirty of these active workers. To-day the school numbers nearly a hundred, with ten teachers, while membership of the church has been increased from 65 to 265, with seven leaders instead of two, as he found it. The revival began January 1st and continued until April 2nd, Easter. In fact, it cannot be said to have closed yet as the same "seeking and saving" spirit still animates and dominates every gathering of the people and this is about every night in the week. The common expression from all sides and churches in the city is "When I am hungry spiritualy I go to the A. M. E. Church. The officers find it very difficult to accommodate the people at any Sunday service. Rev. T. E. Wilson, A. M., our pastor was graduated from DePauw University with the class of '88, having taken the regular classical course, graduated from the college of liberal arts, with the degree of B. A.

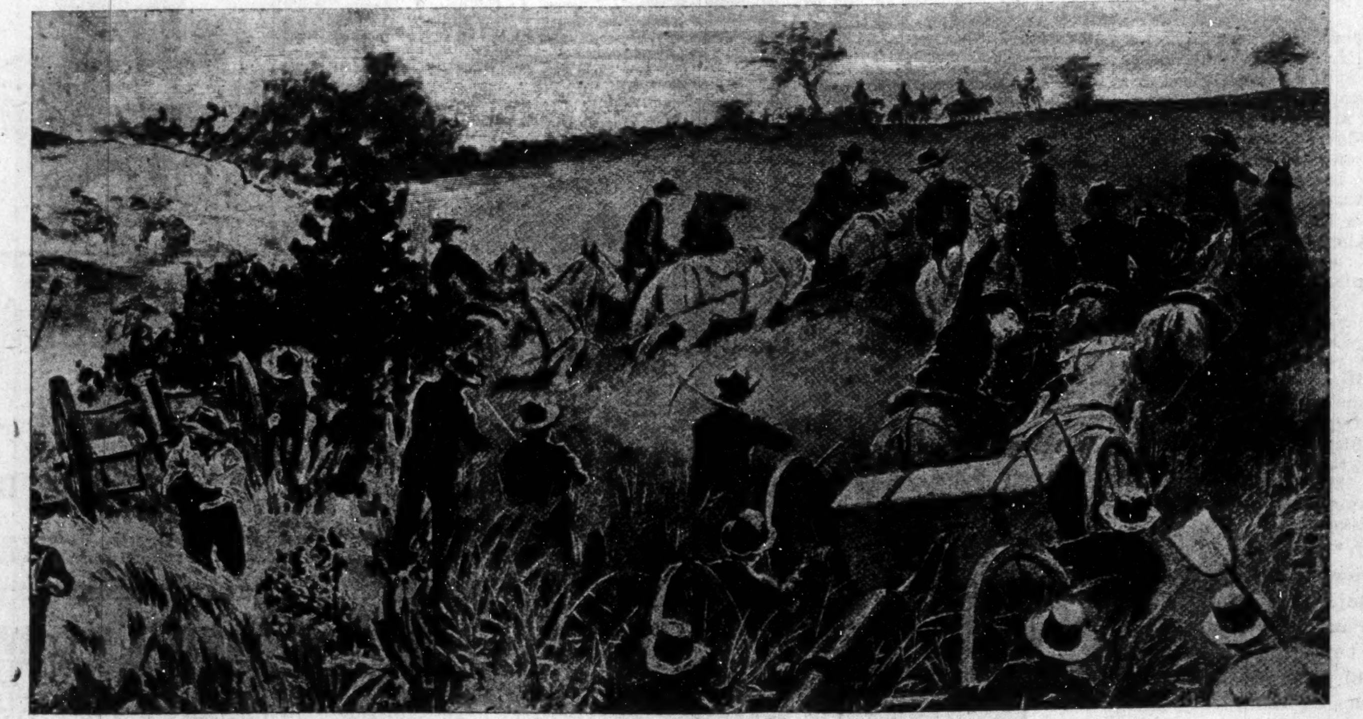
In the preparatory school where he spent two years, and in the college proper, where he studied four years, he covered the field, pretty thoroughly of the best latin and greek classics, both poetry and prose translating from the originals.

During his last two years he read and studied the New Testament from Matthew to Revelation, in the original greek and latin, under the eminent scholar and divine, Dr. John Poncher. Rev. Wilson studied Hebrew a few months, gaining only smattering, and gave it up, as too dry shucking, possibly too hard, would be a better discriptive. It was confessed that Rev. Wilson, made the best senior speeches and wrote the best essays of any member of the senior class.

Since his graduation he has been pastor of the following charges:—New Albany, Ind., where he bought a large brick church in the centre of the city, and largely increased the membership as he did also at Terre Haute, Evansville and Springfield, Ill.

His last appointment before coming to Muncie, was Marion, Ind., where, in three years, he raised the church from a fifth rate charge to a second place. next to Bethel and Allen Chaple, Indianapolis. Besides increasing the membership from about 150 to 300, he remodeled and rebuilt the church and made it one of the handsomest audience rooms in the state. City, state and national officials come to hear him and go away not less pleased with him but often much displeased with themselves. Congressman Cromer says, "You have the ablest minister in the city." Well we are satisfied.

J. W. MORIN,
Secretary Stewards Board.



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Jerry E. Moore.

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RACE DISTINCTIONS

AN INTERESTING ARTICLE ON THE COLOR QUESTION

WHAT WILL THE FUTURE BRING

Social Intercourse as it was and is To-day —Our Privileges in Different Sections —Our Citizenship Must be Respected.

That there is fear that the color question may in someway, in the future, adjust itself, if left alone, seems almost conclusive from the various methods adopted in our Southern states to keep the races apart. Even when there is quiet and no cause for alarm, and a fear of equality of rights, equality of manhood, seems to impel the law-making bodies of that section to enact laws, which shall prevent the intermingling of the races, thereby alienating them one from the other. This tends to destroy the Negro's love of country, supplant love by hatred and increase friction.

We anticipate that the next step will be to get rid of black cooks, black washerwomen, black coachmen and black servants altogether, that there may be removed the remotest possibility of social contact. Seperate waiting rooms for the two races at railroad stations have long been in existence in our Southern states; while in others, the same privileges have been granted to all people irrespective of color as in the North. But strange to say, even those sections, where public sentiment has been more liberal toward the blacks, there is now a disposition to relegate these people to the rear or to eliminate them entirely from the body politic as is evident from our recent southern troubles and the determined effort on the part of politicians to disfranchise the Negro voter. It is a serious matter, view it as one may, it demands not only the best thought of our best citizens, but even vigorous measures would not be out of place in a matter of so grave a character when it is considered in all its bearings upon both present and future.

In the light of existing conditions Professor James Bryce was not far out of the way when he said: "One thing however, freedom has not done. It has not brought the colored people any nearer to the whites. Social intercourse is strictly confined to business unless where the Negro is a domestic servant it is far less frequent and less easy than in the days of slavery. Then in the home establishment and on the best plantations—plantations like that Dabney estate in Mississippi of which so pleasing a picture was given in Mrs. Sande's book—even the field hands were on familiar terms with the master and mistress, while the children of both colors played together. This has entirely ceased."

"In some states the Negro is allowed to enter the same street cars; in some he is less rigidly than others kept apart in place of public resort. But every where in the South is confined to schools and colleges for his own race; he worships in his own churches; he mingles in none of the amusements; he is admitted to none of the social or industrial organizations which white people, even the humblest of them enjoy or form."

This is the situation as it now appears What should we expect other than friction under the circumstances. The Negro as a man and a citizen with the rights of citizenship feels that these rights ought to be respected at least in some degree. When this is not the case he becomes not only exasperated but is strongly inclined to resent the insults. It is unfortunate for him that this is the case; it is unfortunate for the section of the country in which he lives: in fact it is unfortunate for the entire country that conditions are such as to lead to these results.

Recently a good deal has been said in regard to Negro lawlessness, especially on the part of the Negro sol-

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B. SQUARE'S BLUSTER

President McKinley (who I had the honor (?) to help elect) has, in the language of a famous Civil War song, been "Marching Through Georgia." In fact he has marched through the "Cracker" State twice since the first of December. Did he have an "ax to grind" during these marches? If so, did he grind it?

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"Every soldier's grave made during our unfortunate civil war is a tribute to American valor. And while when those graves were made we differed widely about the future of this Government, the differences were long ago settled by the arbitrament of arms, and the time has now come, in the evolution of sentiment and feeling, under the providence of God, when in the spirit of fraternity we should share with you in the care of the graves of the Confederate soldiers."—From President McKinley's address before the Georgia Legislature, at the Atlanta Peace Jubilee.

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Query: If it was treason in 1861–'65 to fight against the Union, what is it, in 1898 to make the above remarks?

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The President at his first march through Georgia, also gave birth to the following:

"We could have avoided all the difficulties that lie across the pathway of the Nation if a few months ago we had coldly ignored the piteous appeals of the starving and oppressed inhabitants of Cuba. If we had blinded ourselves to the conditions so near our shores and turneda deaf ear to our suffering nieghbors, the issue of territorial expansion in the Antilles and the East Indies would not have been raised.

"But could we have justified such a course? Is there any one who would now declare another to have been the better course? With less humanity and less courage on our part the Spanish flag instead of the Stars and Stripes would still be floating at Cavite, at Ponce and at Santiago, and a 'chance in the race of life' would be wanting to millions of human beings who to-day call this Nation noble and who, I trust, will live to call it blesssed."

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I have always advocated that the old whites of the South (and even the "New South" have a deep-seated hatred "fer er d—— Yankee an' er Nigger Sah)" and—as if to bear me out in this conclusion, the good Crackers of Georgia killed in cold blood seven or nine Negroes upon the eve of President McKinley's second march through their State, at Palmetto, Ga.

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So much comment has been made upon the words of the President, and so much upon the action of the "First Citizens" of Palmetto, Ga., there is no room for mine, so I simply draw the public's attention to the facts and let the said public draw its own conclussions.

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Another fact, presents itself to my view, at this writing, to-wit: It is very hard for a President to get a second nomination, and—still harder for him a re-election. If you doubt my words, review your history of the United States.

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"Ours is the seed-time
God alone beholds the end of what is sown.
Beyond our vision dark and dim
The harvest time is hid with Him."
—Whittier.

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After reading the above, I feel encouraged about the future of my race in this country. At the present, the future looks dark. We are lynched in the South upon the smallest pretex, without a trial by either judge or jury; our inborn lack of courage prevents us from meeting fire with fire, sword with sword, shotgun with shotgun and rope with rope. In the North we meet prejudice in another form, we get our civil and, to a degree, our political rights, but our social rights and the common right of every American citizen to have an unhandicapped opportunity in the race of life, is denied us. Still faith in God, hope that the Negro—American citizens will learn to have more pluck, courage and progressive push, and charity for our white fellow-citizens, all bid us be of good cheer; "far beyond our feeble sight" in the future, God will in His own way fight our present battle as He did our past ones. The same God who broke our chains of bondage, will break the chains of race prejudice.

"God moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform"

Let us therefore do our part remembering that

"Beyond our vision, dark and dim
The harvest time is hid with Him."

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"It conduces much to our content, if we pass by those things which happen to our trouble, and consider that which is prosperous; that by the representation of the better, the worse may be blotted out."—Jeremy Taylor.

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If the race, in general, and the race leaders, in particular, would practice what they preach the "Negro problem" would soon be solved but—alas! We do not practice what we preach.

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In my "Bluster" published in The Freeman of March 25th, I respectfully suggested to the Negro editors of the country that they put the leading white journals of the land upon their exchange list and keep them there even if the said papers refuse to exchange in return. The bright up-to-date managing editor of the Freeman—young Mr. Knox—immediately took my advice and put the leading New York city journals upon his exchange list and the result of so doing brought forth good fruit at once, and indirectly gave the Freeman a five hundred "ad" free from the leading newspaper of New York city, to-wit: "The New York Press."

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One of the best and greatest newspaper writers of "the man-about-town style," (mixed ideas, thoughts, facts, truths and—fiction) is Victor Smith of the New York "Press" who has a column, 365 days in the year called 'On The Tip of the Tongue." "Tip" as we newspaper "boys" call him, is a fearless writer, who "knows it all," a walking encyclopædia, second to none, save, perhaps, the veteran "Joseph Howard, Jr."

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We all have our faults—even newspaper men—we are none perfect, and "Tip" has one fault, one spot, as it were, up on the face of a bright journalistic Sun. He has just a l-i-t-t-l-e prejudice against the Negro, as his writings for the past five years show. Still "Tip's" heart is in the right place.

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After the Freeman placed the New York "Press" upon its exchange list "Tip" gave birth to the following, to-wit:

THE FREEMAN.

A copy of the Freeman, "a national illustrated colored newspaper," published in Indianapolis, shows the steady advance of our colored friends. A conspicuous advertisement is "Straightine—the latest discovery for making kinky hair straight." This is a marvel. There is a picture of the "before" and "after;" the kinky head before and the long, wavy locks after.

OTHER ADVANTAGES.

The Freeman devotes considerable space to special articles on the heroism of the Tenth cavalry charging up San Juan Hill. There is a picture of the charge. Mme. Turner of New Orleans says: "Send a piece of your hair and ten cents and I will return it as a sample of my work. My mystic pomade will straighten two heads for $5." "Lamp of Wisdom, or Race History Illuminated," is a book for sale. "The Invincible Sons and Daughters of Commerce" are pledged and duly sworn to purchase all their goods from colored merchants and shopkeepers, and to start stores in locations where there are none kept or owned by colored people. They believe that the "key to business is Race Unity!" They believe that "commerce will open to us all the gateways to true and full-fledged American citizenship." Mr. Augustus M. Hodges of Brooklyn is "Most Supreme Grand Master Merchant."

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

"Mr. Orpheus M. McAdoo, sole lessee Palace Theatre, Sydney, Australia, will arrive in Indianapolis from Australia (about middle of March) seeking musical minstrel and vaudeville attractions. Only colored artists engaged. The Palace Theatre, Sydney, is the handsomest and most complete vaudeville house in the world!" How is that for colored progress? "Miss Alice Mackey, contralto and comedienne, season '98-99, famous Black Patti Troubadours." The Georgia Cracker Jacks—Howard McCarver, Harry Reed and William McCarver; Navigators of Up-to-Date Comedy." "Don Marreno, tenor robusto, with Scott's Refined Negro Minstrels." "Mr. James Hollis, phenomenal double-voiced vocalist." "J. Ed. Green, character baritone; starring 'The American Choir' as Capt. Sigsbee." "Not the best, but as good as some who call themselves great—Clarence Powell, principal comedian!" I enjoyed reading these ads.

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"Tip's" pennings just quoted are a left-handed compliment to the Negro press in general and the Freeman in particular. It is beyond a doubt a left-hand compliment (and all left-handed people and things are awkward.) Still, any kind of a notice from "Tip's" pen is a big "ad" and the above is praise with a slight dam.

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The intelligent Europo-American newspaper man is, in the language of "Tip" often enjoys reading the strange things in a Negro newspaper and—his Negro newspaper peer (beg pardon "Tip" I am your peer in light brown color) enjoys the strange things he reads in the white newspapers.

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The Freeman and the New York Press are "paired," as they say in Congress in regards to their "ads" which claim to be able to beat Mother Nature at her own game. If "Tip" enjoyed reading Mme. Turner's "ad" in the Freeman, I enjoyed reading "Prof." Woodbury's in the Press. Mr. Woodbury is a "Dermatoligist" (I think I know what that means, any way, I'll look it up after I finish this "Bluster.") A part of "Dermatoligist" Woodbury's "ad" reads thus:

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"Dermatoligist" Woodbury also thins thick lips; straightens pug noses and claims to do as much to improve upon the unfortunate white lady as Mme. Turner does to improve the ditto black lady. A "before and after" picture of a pug-nose "lady" (white) is given in the "ad." In the "before" picture, you could hang a pot on the lady's nose; in the after picture you could slide down the same. I am able to give you "tit for tat, 'Tip,'" seven days in the week.

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In conclusion, upon this subject let me say; I do not put any faith in the crafts or arts of either, Mme. Turner, or "Dermatoligist" Woodbury. If I were a black woman or a white woman, (thank Heaven, I am neither) I would put no faith in their "ads" I believe they have both bitten off more than they can chew.

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Before we part, I will convince "Tip" that he has met a Negro newspaper man worthy of his pen.

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Lay down "The White Man's Burden:"
Take up the white man's game,
To get the mighty dollar
And give—"nit" for the same.

B. SQUARE.

News Notes.

Brownsville, Tenn., Special.

Rev. J. H. Fulton of Lebanon, Tenn., has been chosen to succeed Rev. H. C. Owen as pastor of the First Baptist church. Miss Mammie Lee and Jacob Estes were called to Covington, to superintend the music for Easter for the First Baptist church. Mrs. Walker was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Clayborne last week. Miss Leora Estes, after a long continued illness is convalescing. Mr. and Mrs. Scott Morris are highly elated a new comer has visited their domicile. Easter exercises were held at both churches. In the afternoon songs, recitations and addresses were made the order of the day. At Farmers Chapel, the music rendered by Miss Clayborne Mrs. Mabry and by Dr. Broome and Prof. Bailey was higly complemented. Misses Willis, Jett, Smith, Taylor, and Farmer delivered recitations which were enthusiasticaly received. At the Baptist church the choir under the supervision of Mrs. J. R. Gloster rendered effectively "Easter Promise" by Fillmore. The music was not only harmonious but highly instructive, while the speeches which the songs were interspersed were well composed and feelingly delivered. Misses Estes, Opal Reed, Lilly Owen, Luella Currie, Mary Wills, Gracie Fleming, Josephine Lee, and Annie Reed were the speakers of the occasion.

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MANY DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

Were Present.—The Work of Dr. Meserve Highly Appreciated by the Rate. The Address of Rev. H. B. Grose one of the Chief Events of the Evening.

On Saturday March 18th, the commencement exercises of the Leonard Schools of Medicine and Pharmacy and the department of Law,—the professional schools at Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C., were held, and three new Negro doctors and one Negro lawyer were sent into the busy world to earn an honest living by their professional knowledge.

The young men finishing the course and receiving diplomas were:—

Graduates in Medicine—George W. Cardwell, North Carolina; Edward T. Connor, Virginia, John H. Moore, Arkansas.

Graduate in Law—William H. Green, North Carolina.

The college chapel was filled with students and visitors to witness these exercises which began promplty at 11 o'clock.

Among the distinguished visitors present were Rev. Howard B. Grose, associate editor of "The Watchman," Col. Fred Dow, editor of the Portland Maine Express, Dr. W. A. Goodwin, Dr. R. H. Lewis, Dr. K. P. Battle, Jr., Dr. A. W. Knox, Mr. R. H. Battle, Dr. W. I. Royster, Dr. James McKee, Rev. J. W. Carter, Dr. Hubert A. Royster, Rev. Dr. Pittinger, Rev. Dr. Skinner, Mr. William Simpson, Rev. A. B. Hunter and W. C. Tyree.

Music was furnished by a string band and the exercises were of a most entertaining and interesting character.

The chief event of the day barring of course the graduation of the four young men who had successfully completed their course, was the address of Rev. Howard B. Grose, associate editor of "The Watchman."

"The Power of An Idea" was the subject, and upon it the speaker delivered one of the most eloquent and finished addresses heard in Raliegh in many months. It sparkled with gems of thought and was scintillant with epigram. Now and then a rich vein of humor was struck or some depth of pathos was sounded. It was an address eminently suited to the time and the occasion and one that must do much good.

The work of Dr. Charles Francis Meserve at Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C., is of the most helpful character to the race. Some of the best Negro lawyers and doctors, the noblest conservators of law and order in the South are graduates of this great institution of learning.

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Personal Mention.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Special.

Little Edna Ballard is very sick with her spine. Mrs. C. J. Thomas is ill. Chas. and Lucy Woods returned Friday from Mascota where they were called to bury their sister Mrs. Margaret Brown. Revival meetings are being carried on at the A. M. E. Zion church conducted by Rev. Mrs. B. B. B. Johnson. Easter services were observed at all of the churches. The trial scene from the "Merchant of Venice," was played most successfully at the Messiah Baptist church on the evening of the 30th. It was a financial success, the net proceeds amounting to seventeen dollars. The Nineteenth Century Club met with Mrs. Bass, a very interesting program was carried out, dainty refreshments were served and the club adjourned to meet with Mrs. A. Jones.

News Items.

Montgomery, Ala., Special.

Mr. J. H. Parker, the enthusiastic representative of The Indianapolis Freeman, of this city, capped the climax Sunday March 26th, when he came out to deliver the welcome address to the K. of P's., of Montgomery. Mr. Parker has succeeded in demonstrating to the thinking element at the Capital of Alabama that he is an eloquent speaker. He has more than once spoken to the members of the First Baptist church, and each time made a growing impression. My association in the same office with this rising young man for 8 or 9 months is sufficient evidence to me, that he is one of the prominent lights of his native state, and the South. Success is yours Mr. Parker. You are my ideal young man. N. J. H. The above is from the pen of N. J. Hopkin, in the Montgomery Sentinel, a paper of which he is the associated editor. You are very extravagant with your boquets. If I can succeed in getting the Negroes of Alabama to read The Freeman, and organize a state literary society and a Lyceum in Montgomery, then our men who are posing as leaders to stand for all thats noble and elevating I shall be satisfied. I am filling up every day of my life by reading the lives of great men. If I were not W. H. Parker I would rather be you Mr. Nathaniel James Hopkins, than any other young man in the state. It is you that's making those long strides up the hill of progress. St. Paul M. E. church on Monroe street was destroyed by fire March 30th, between the hours of 2 and 3 o'clock. The entire Sunday school library as well as the pastors, Rev. G. W. Lewis was destroyed, no insurance. The loss to the church and members amounts to about $2000. The pastor and family escaped without injury. The democratic leaders of Ala., were here last week for the purpose of deciding whether or not to have a constitutional convention. I will mail a copy of The Journal, you can see just what they did. The American Missionary Association of Ala., was in session here last week. Delegates were here from all parts of the country. This persuasion has 100 churches in the state of Alabama, and a membership of 1500, this organization operates in the South and far West The financial report was very encouraging, and the session was noted for the amount of intelligence among the delegates. Prominent among the delegates were Rev. Dr. G. W. Andrew, President of Talladega College, Dr. E. C. Silsby of Talladega, Dr. Geo. W. Moore of the New York office, Rev. T. J. Bell of Selma, Rev. L. W. Johnson and wife and Hon. A. N. Johnson and wife of Mobile.

Notes From the South.

Opelika, Ala. Special.

Rev. J. T. McMillan one of the most noted preachers of the A. M. E. Zion church, preached here last Sunday to a large congregation. Elder McMillan is a great race man and exerts much influence for God and Zion. He often reads The Freeman and will soon be a subscriber. Rev. C. L. Alexander is the leading minister of this city. He is an educated gentleman and works faithfully for the good of the race. The colored people of Opelika are doing fairly well. Messrs. E. G. Williams, R. O. Bullard, A. Washington and Wilson Gray are some of the leading men of the city. Many own their own homes and are in business. We have some fine churches here, Mr. John Flakes owns a grocery and is doing good business. He is popular with white and black and as a business man ranks with the best mercantile people of the city. Hon. David Williams Parker the noted orator, editor and politician of Alabama, lectured here Monday night to a large audience. His lecture was well received.

The Freeman in Alaska.

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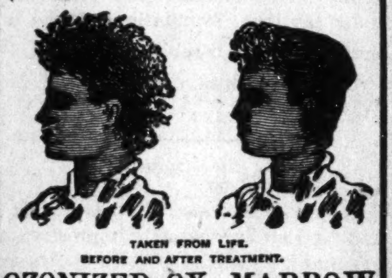

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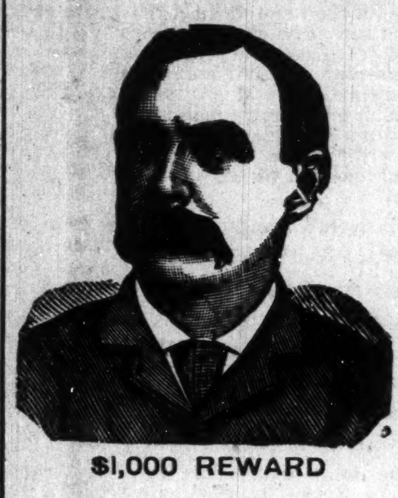

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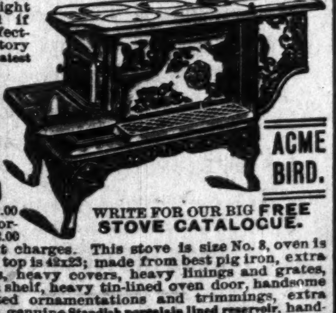

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OUR POLITICAL FUTURE.

The question is being asked shall the Negro continue his support to the Republican party, If the Negro does not support that party where is he going; must he remain with the party that is killing, or must he remain with the party which seems unable to protect him? Will some philosopher answer these questions?—The Bee, Washington, D. C.

We take it that these questions are asked in the interest of the race as a whole and not in the interest of a few, who perhaps may have grievances real or apparent.

In event the Negroes conclude that justice to the race is too slow through the Republican party as a means, where will they cast their allegiance? The only answer that can follow is that they will cast their allegiance to that party or to those parties that hold out the greatest inducements. These inducements should be in the nature of party principles supplemented by party rewards, which party rewards are to be held and after consideration, a corollary so to speak—a truth, growing out of the main contention, an earnest token of the facts enunciated in the principles, as applied to the constituency of any party.

To say that Tammany is an illustration of the progress made by Negroes in political affairs, means nothing unless Tammany bases its bid for consideration above the "fishes and loaves" idea. In event the Tammany organization is so broad guaged that it on all occassions, stands for the same the Republican party does and has stood for, then it has a logical reason for consideration. Even in that event there could be no reasonable preference for the organization owing to the lack of priority in the matter.

If as the Negroes hold, that they are battling for principles it is strange that the mere matter of reward should cut such an appreciable figure. This is advanced in view of the many good things being said of the New York organization.

It is very well known how Tammany associates in National elections. It is well known that the democratic party North and the democratic party South are mutually dependent and act in concord at the proper time. To swear by Tammany in New York and to excoriate the democratic party elsewhere is a strange plan of proceedure. It says too plainly that something more tangible than principles may be a factor in the matter.

It is in the air that Negroes should divide their votes; but it is not urged that this should be done without ample cause. The division of the votes because it is a possibility would be senseless. If other parties that arel candidates for power can map out programs whereby lynchings are to decrease, "jim crow" car legislation to be rendered null and void and the onward march of disfranchisements and the thousand and one ways of petty discriminations are to be arrested, then those parties should jump at once into popular favor and claim the Negroes' vote on the strength of their programs.

However such a party is not advisable owing to the tendency it would have to draw more rigid the lines that do exist. But such a party is the only one that could rightfully set up a claim to the Negro vote in the face of the Republican party. It seems folly to attempt to wreak vengeance on a party that is the known author of all that makes a people. This may be hide-bound in the language of a contemporary, but be that as it may, it is history and not fiction.

So it can not be seen, no matter who may order it, where the Negroes may go in order to better his civil or political conditions. Do other parties offer any advantages over the well known attitude of the Republicans?

The American-German Review is a new publication that promises to become popular owing to the object of its creation. It is making salutary efforts towards preserving cordial relations between the Germans and the Americans. For this reason alone, if for no other the enterprise should succeed. It is useless to attempt to show here, what the Germans in America mean to America. Estrangement between the two countries owing to the great and powerful German population, ought to be out of the question. Then too, if we understand it correctly, the Germans through their papers by the voice of the Reichstag with the chief factors of the state, are anxious that the entente cordiale as related to America and Germany may remain unimpaired. Daniel F. Pierce, in the April number of the publication, quoting from advance sheets of consular reports, shows that Germany is ready and willing to become customers of America in many lines of goods. He thinks that a little knowledge of the German's individuality will greatly facilitate matters along those lines. The periodical on the whole is one the best that reaches this office, comparing very favorably with the best and oldest of its character in this country. It is artistically conceived. The opening article "Germany sends us our best citizens" by Mrs. John Sherwood, at once establishes the character of the publication and its trend of thought. It however does not have to do with Germans only.

A "Boquet of Souvenirs" is especially interesting. It has to do with the Americans who have had the pleasure of sitting within the classic shade of Gottingen, Germany. The experiences of the distinguished scholars who now fill the best professional places in America are set forth in an attractive style reflecting honor on the institution and the individuals alike, which at once increases a natural desire, on the part of the ambitious in the way of letters and science to attend the far famed University.

"The Triple Alliance" rightly insists that England, Germany and America are the nearest in the sense of a community of interests, and that they should unite as one when it comes to the settlement of international questions etc.

"American Industry Makers," "Heroes of the Revolution," "Artist and the Man," are among the subject of these excellently written and highly illustrated articles. The publication is all it purports to be—an American-German Review.

The Pana Illinois affair is a pestiferous little event that threatens to become big in the out-come. It is useless to say that all eyes are on Pana. It is hoped that the difficulties between the miners will speed resolve under judicious influences. The adjudication of the affairs there, is of national importance to the races.

It is just as senseless to divide the Negroes votes without a cause because the ability exists, as it is to vote one way when the cause does exist sufficient to divide the votes.

The voters of Lake City, South Carolina, are getting a taste of the—they gave Baker.

There should be no hesitation in voting for direct race interest in the South.

THE COLUMBIA CLUB.

The far-famed Columbia Club of this city in broading its scope for future activity gives the following among other motives of its existence:

> To inculcate, teach and secure a high appreciation of the fundamental principles of the Republican party, to the end that the privileges and sacred obligations of American citizenship may be conserved, the civil and political liberty and equality of all citizens in every section of our country maintained inviolate and the supremacy of the law and the security of life, property and home be intrenched in the affections of the people.

This club stands first in the state of Indiana and among the first in the country. It enrolls among its members honorary and otherwise, such men as ex-President Benjamin Harrison, Senators Fairbanks and Beveridge, Congressman Overstreet and many other citizens prominent in public and in private life. The total wealth of the individuals making up the institution runs up into millions of dollars. It to some extent is the balance wheel in the manipulation of politics as concerns the Republican party in Indiana.

It is with pleasure that we note that among its many lines of endeavor that it has not lost sight of the civil and political liberty vouchsafed to all the people irrespective of color or "previous condition of servitude." It may be said that to perform a duty merely is unworthy of special mention, but when dereliction in that duty is patent, then the performance of the same becomes praiseworthy.

We feel that this powerful organization has not stumbled unconsciously upon this tenet in its platform of principles; on the other hand it is the result of a studious efforts to read the times aright. It doubtless has been impressed with the circumstances that have caused restlessness among the colored people; somewhat estranging them from the party of their choice. It simply reenuciates the cardinal principles of that grand old party, which came to birth through them, trusting it to the wisdom of those "to whom it may concern" to recognize the effort.

The Columbia Club may well be considered the head and front of the Republican party in Indiana. It has uttered its dictum, which leaves but little room for the proselyting influences of other camps unless they have a more generous spread of political tenets to set forth.

The right to differ politically, to take sides on all economical questions belongs to all the people, and the value of a citizen is enhanced by wisely chosing the side of the questions that he thinks best conserves the country's interest primarily and his individual interest, which follows next in importance. The colored voter unless extremely perverse will find little consolation beyond the bounds of the principles enunciated by the club in all that pertains to the government, politics, and economics, when considered from a party standpoint. The Columbia Club is on record. May its outlined program of usefulness be its means of success—building better than it knows.

The discussion of such question as amalgamation and intermarriage is ill-timed and unfortunate. It is another evidence of what indiscretion and hot-headism has in store for the race. The bare suggestion of the ultimate end is all right, but to argue the case as if the Era was at hand is a bold bid for racial antagonism. Let time be the demonstrator. All previous knowledge in world's history is not worth the paper it is written on when such is urged as an example of future results in America. America presents an original problem from every conceivable standpoint. Taboo the discussion of amalgamation; it is an excellent breeder of trouble

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In the South where politics means little to the Negro, the vote dividing theory is all right. It is folly to attempt to keep up party lines as it refers to the principal parties in the country. A political combination that exists merely for the usufruct as a reward of a quadrennial activity is a dangerous expedient.

Let the Ex-Pension Slave burlesque go. It is a menace.

RACE DISTINCTION.

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diers. The glory achieved by the men in our recent war with Spain has been lost sight of and counts for nothing in the verdict. While some of the conduct attributed to these soldiers may have been as painted, there is no doubt that much of it was born in prejudiced minds pictured in exaggerated terms. May this not be the fruit of our own sowing? He that soweth to the winds shall reap the whirlwinds. I believe that the prejudice and ostracism and oppression and the constant attempt to expartriate the colored people are all propagation-grounds of lawlessness and crime. I believe further it the white people of our country North and South would change their attitude toward the colored people, if instead of an enemy and a foe, they would regard him as a man and a citizen, a friend and brother, the relations of the two races would become so revolutionized that there would be no further trouble growing out of the whole matter.

The flagrant violation of constitutional amendments is a source of annoyance and exasperation to the race. The National Administration seems unable to adopt a remedy—the states will not, so the matter goes on from legalizing race distinctions to race disfranchisement. Is there any wonder that there are mutterings here and there attended by occassional lawlessness? There is but one treatment for the disease—the power of christianity—man's whole duty to man.

The spirit of toleration seems to be growing less and less every day. The black must go is the verdict. The enactment of laws in some of our Southern states prohibiting the two races from riding together on the street cars and making it a criminal offense for colored and white convicts even to work together, all point to the same end,—the subordination of the colored people. Under the presure the Negro's restlessness increases—the evil in his nature asserts itself. It is idle to appeal to the courts for redress against such a state of things when judge and jury of these same courts are in sympathy with the legislatures that enact these laws and with the mobs that take the laws into their own hands. The Negro cannot get an unprejudiced hearing. The autonomic relations of our states are such that the general government seems in doubt as to where to put on its hands and when to take them off. The power of our legislatures is limited by the demands of the white citizens of their respective states. This same class of citizens say the Negro shall be made to understand that this is a white man's country, and a white man's government and that he must be contented with the assignment made him. But in all this the South claims that no wrong has been done, that it, is simply a question of self-protection, and therefore it should not be interfered with. It is further added that equal accomodations have been provided for the blacks on railroads where seperation has been made and there is no unjust discrimination. I think there are many who will not concur in this view. The facts will not warrant such a claim.

If the religious press throughout the land would do its duty, if it would take a bold and defiant stand against wrong and oppression; if the churches white and black, North and South, would unite with the press and together would endeavor to secure fair treatment of all classes, of all colors and of all races, it is more than probable that public sentiment would undergo a radical change, and bad legislation become a matter of the past. There would be no mob law, for mobs would be reduced to a minium and shorn of both courage and power.

Our present position as a country with the new people who must be governed in a sense at least for a time, surely shows us plainly that confidence in the nation will be largely based upon what it does at home, To isolate the colored element here and pursue the present treatment is practically to legislate a dangerous factor into existence. It is never advisable to sow race antagonisms and never less advisable than that at the present moment when nations are looking upon our enlarged opportunities and measuring out power to use them. when submerged peoples are already in an attitude of defiance that can only be broken down by the knowledge that this nation deals fairly with its subjects. The Negro question, the color question, as it affects the nation at large does not stop with the colored man of these United States; and to continue to legalize race distinctions here is to lay the foundations broad and deep for future troubles elsewhere.

PROF. W. S. SCARBOROUGH, A. M.
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News Notes.

Ironton, O., Special.

Easter was observed at the A. M. E. and Baptist churches with impressive programmes. Their respective choirs rendered excellent music, which should be highly commended. The first Sunday was also quarterly meeting day at the A. M. E. church. The presiding Elder, Rev. Jones, of Columbus was present. He seemed to be well pleased with the work that is being done by this church under Rev. Carter's pastorate. There was a rally at the Baptist church last Sunday. Rev. C. N. Donaldson, acting pastor of the First Baptist church preached in the afternoon and the pastor at night. Collection, $20. Rev. N. S. Merritt left last Monday to visit his family in Mechanicsburg, O. The Aid Society of the Baptist church in their entertainment on the 6th. inst. realized a net sum of $77.05. This is a noble effort and indicates that somebody is at work. Your agent experiences no small amount of difficulty in selling The Freeman. Why? This is the question to be decided by men of broader intellect, but judging from most of the excuses given your agent has come to the following conclusions: (1) There is a lack of race pride; (2) there is a lack of confidence in racial ability; (3) ignorance of Negro history. Were these barriers removed Negro newspapers would find an easy entrance into the homes of all the Afro-Americans in the land. Louis Hockstep, head cook at the Park Hotel, had a narrow escape recently. While stirring the fire the blaze from the gaseous coal bulged out and ignited his shirt, only superficially. Adhering to the custom, he immediately resorted to running but in his flight he was caught by another who extinguished the flame before any injury was done. Mr. Newton Linkford has returned from a trip in the 'West Virginia Hills.' Mr. Will Owens, of Portsmouth, O., was a business caller to our city recently. We are glad to see that the United States will at least take some action in regard to mob violence, especially in the case of Frazier Baker, who was brutally killed at Lake City, S. C. "Lynch law must go."

Send Twenty-five cents (in silver) to Charles Alexander, 546 West Clinton street, Huntsville, Alabama, and receive a valuable book by one of the best Negro authors in the United States. Agents wanted. Agents must send Twenty-five cents for outfit. No letters answered not containing stamps for reply. Charles Alexander, 546 West Clinton street, Huntsville, Alabama.

News Notes.

Dyersburg, Tenn., Special.

Prof. John Parr closed his school last Friday just outside the limits of the city. Rev. G. W. Wynns lectured for the C. P., Sunday school. Rev. Johnson, preached a noble sermon at the Baptist church. Rev. M. D. Partee pastor of the C. M. E. church is at his home in Milan, Tenn., sick. Rev, Mosely presiding elder of the same connection is here on the sick list. Rev. Brooks filled the pulpit for Rev. Partee Sunday night. C. J. Fumbanks is able to be out again after a two months illness. Mrs. Lawson of Hall's Station, the mother of brother Tobe Lawson and Mrs. Henry Johnson departed this life on the 6, the funeral services were conducted by Rev. Mass ker pastor. The rally at the A. M. E. church under the management of their pastor Rev. Rooks was a grand success. Collection $9.25. Mrs. Harriet Murphey is slowly improving. Pompy Smith our blacksmith has been suffering with rheumatism for several weeks, is now improving. Rev. H. Barnett made a flying trip to Hall's Station, Tenn., on the 7th, for the purpose of organizing a lodge of S. M. T.

Gleanings.

Duluth, Minn., Special.

The members of the Douglass Club made up and presented a purse to the Rev. R. Taylor Easter evening. A few incouraging words were said by W. Nicols, upon presenting the gift, in behalf of the club. The members and of St. Marks A. M. E. church, wish to thank the gentlemen heartily. Mrs. E. A. Porter, entertained at evening dinner Friday, Mrs. J. N. Richey, Miss Minnie Richey, and the lady of honor, little Miss Julia McDonald. The social given by Mrs. James Black, Thursday evening was a grand success both financially and socially. St. Marks Easter services were grand, especially the song service in the evening. The prize awarded for the best dressed gentleman on Easter Sunday was justly given to James A. Porter. Among the ladies the honor was given as a tie between Miss Maie Black and Blanche Pallard. Among the married ladies the honor was given to Mrs. A. McCowan. In West Superior the honor was given to Mrs. James Grayson. The Freeman can be had from Miss Amelia Porter 721 West 1st street, or at W. D. Austin's barber shop. W. D. Austin will in the near future open up a new place of business in the line of tonsorial work. Amelia H. Porter is now taking orders for the Souvenir of the Tenth U. S. Cavalry, containing photos of the three colored graduates of West Point and other interesting views of the recent Spanish-American War in behalf of the colored heroes.

Items of Interest.

Wheeling, W. Va., Special,

Rev. J. W. Waters is improving slowly. Miss Maud Snowden, of Stubenville O., is the guest of Miss Eva. Jones of Eleventh st. Presiding Elder McGee held quarterly meeting at Wayman's A. M. E. church, Sunday, collection $30. Misses Mary F. and Anna L. Jennings gave a luncheon Tuesday evening in honor of Miss Maud Snowden, of Stubenville. Those present were, Misses Beulah McCollough, Sallie Jones, Mamie Walker, Eva Jones Mattie Freeman and Messrs. Harry Stevens, Wm. Gross and Austin Jackson. Mr. T. H. Lewis is ill at his home in South Penn. St. Marshall Carrington, convicted of an attempt of burglary was sentenced to twenty years imprisonment at Moundsville, State penitentiary. General love feast was held Monday evening at Wayman's Church.

B. SQUARE'S FABLES.

(With an apology to the shades of Aesop.)

FABLE V.

THE NEGRO OFFICE SEEKER AND THE "PLUMS."

A Negro Republican Leader (?) who had worked hard and long in the interest of the his party's ticket, local, state and national found himself (foot sore and pocket empty) in the great city of Washington shortly after a Republican President had taken his seat. The Negro Republican Leader stole into the orchard, where the ripe sunny "Plums" were trellised up high in the most tempting show. He made, a spring, a jump and a "kick" after one of the luscious prizes; but failing in all his attempts, he muttered, as he retreated from Washington. "Well! what does it matter The 'Plums' are sour, that is the offices left are not paying ones, I'll have better luck next time' and the white leaders of the G. O. P. echoed: "Better luck next time? We guess Nit." And Sir Oracle, re-echoed: "Guess Nit."

FABLE VI.

THE SOUTHERN NEGRO.

The Southern Negro, who had been excellent, good, honest and faithful to the Southern white man "'fore de wah" found himself one day a Free American Citizen with all the rights thereto (in name.) One day, when advancing up the hill of Progression, the Negro met the "White Gentleman of the South, Sah!" who forced the Negro down the hill, took away his rights (by force) lynched him and otherwise tried to keep him down. The freeble Negro (he had no reason for being feeble, as he was larger, in the South, than the white man) replied: "Spare your old former Servant! Remember what I was, how in the past I hoed your corn and cotten without pay, built your cities, and protected your mothers, during the War, when you and your fathers were away fighting to keep me a slave. Remember rather what I was than abuse me for what I am." And the Negro "got mad" and blacked the white man's eye. This story shows what the Negro will do to the Southern white man, "some day" (I don't think.

FABLE VII.

"THE EAGLE AND THE FOX."

A Republican white Eagle and a Republican Black Fox had lived and slept together in the G. O. P. for many years. The Eagle flew to the summit of the tree of high office and there fed on Government Pap. The Fox, who was just as good a Republican, and who helped the Eagle get his wings to fly to the summit of the tree, lived in a Hole at the foot of the Tree, and fed on the few crumbs that the Eagle dropped. One day however, while the Fox was asleep the Eagle made a swoop down and took up even the few crumbs thinking that his lofty dwelling would secure him from the Fox's revenge. The Fox, when he aroused, up-braided the Eagle for his breach of promise and Friendship, and begged earnestly for the Eagle to throw him down the crumbs again; but finding that his entreaties were of no avail, the Fox snatched the touch of Suffrage from the altar-fire of American citizenship, and involved the whole Tree of the Republican Party, and burned it down to the ground and thereby killed the Eagle.

This story shows what the Negro voters of New York, Ohio and Indiana can do. (It also shows what they will not do.)

FABLE VIII.

THE AUTHOR AND THE "AUTHOR."

An "Author," who used to steal the thoughts and writings of the other Author, without putting the "quotation marks" about the same, got caught one day. "I did not mean to rob you 'he said,' I only wanted to receive the degree of 'A Great Author' from the Public." "If you really wished to be a Great Author, why didn't you get me to do your writings?" asked the Author Moral: Don't steal my "Bluster."

FABLE IX.

"THE TWO WALLETS."

Every Progressive (?) Afro-American (Heaven save the mark!) carries two Wallets, one in theory the other in practice. In other words, the "Progressive" Afro-American does not practice what he preaches. The Wallet before, is full of the faults of his race, the one behind, his own faults. Thus it is that the Race does not advance, because, in the language of "Uncle Noah Baxter," "He do not Push the Progress of the Race Along." This story (another true "Fable") teaches that the Afro-American is his worst enemy. "He's not in It."

FABLE X.

THE BLACK FLIES AND THE HONEY WORDS.

A Pot of Honey Words, Promises, and Debt of Gratitude, all mixed up in one, having been up set by the White Ladies of the Republican Party, outside of the Party Shop, the Black Flies came around in swarms to eat the same, but their feet, got clogged in the taffy and they got—l-e-f-t. They called a "National Convention" and exclaimed: "Miserable creatures, that we are, to listen to the Honey Words of our Party or to give them our votes. We'll turn Mac. & Co., down." But they did not. This Story teaches that the Negro voter is a Fool.

B. SQUARE.

THE STAGE.

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McCabe, Dan
McCabe, D. W.
McQuitty, M. M. (2)
Payne, Ben F.
Preston, Charlie
Puggsley, L. E.
Reese, Geo. R.
Rowe, F.
Reese, Bros.
Rastus & Banks
Simmons, Jno. W. (2c due)
Smart & Williams (2)
Stafford, Henry
Terry, W. O.
Turner, James S.
Towell, Jim
Thomas, Dick
Williams, Henry
Young, Billy

ROUTE:

Black Patti Troubadours—Washington, D. C., April 17-22

Canadian Jubilee Singers & Imperial Orchestra.—Denison, Ia., April 16-17.

John W. Vogel's Mastodon Minstrels—Cedar Rapids, Ia., April 15; Des Moines, 17-18; Waterloo, 19; Albert Lea, Minn., 20.

Oliver Scott's Refined Negro Minstrels.—Albion, Mich., 15; Jackson, 17; Ann Arbor, 18.

Richards, Pringles, Rusco & Hollands Georgia Minstrels—Louisianna, Mo., April, 1; Springfield, Ill. 2; Jacksonville, 3; Peoria, 4-Galesburg, 5; Canton, 6; Bloomington, 7; Aurora, 8; Chicago, 9-22.

W. H. Smith sends regards to Cole & Johnson.

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"A Trip to Coontown" has closed a very successful season.

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"The King of Coontown" promises to be the 'real thing' next season.

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Billy Williams sends regards to Marsh Craig and the "Only" Jalvan.

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Miss Julia Roan, soprano, is now with the "Coontown Four Hundred."

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Dan Washington, champion cake walker, joined "Darkest America" at St. Louis.

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Miss Ada Ware worked with "Darkest America" during their St. Louis, engagement.

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C. J. Scotte sends regards to J. C. Pittman, Dan Avery, Johnny McGee and Frank Kirk.

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Simpson and Pittman are featuring upon their magnificent bells: "Just As The Sun Went Down."

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Mr. and Mrs. Fountain B. Woods, of Georgia Up-to-Date sends regards to Wm' Accooe and Harry Stafford.

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Chas. Parker sends regards to the Big Four Housely Bros. George Bailey, Porter and Brooks and all "Buffaloes."

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The Jacksons—George and Lora, high-class musical artists, will be at liberty for summer engagements after May 1.

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Williams and Walker's "A Lucky Coon" company played to fine business at the Alhambra Theatre, Chicago, last week.

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Sonny Hoskins, of Melroy, Chandler & Co.'s Minstrels sends regards to Dan Avery and wife, Bob Kemp and Dick Thomas.

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Harry L. Gillam, the acrobatic Hebrew, sends regards to Tom Logan, McCarver, Reed and McCarver and all other friends.

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Mrs. Dora Hood, of Chicago, wife of James Hood, basso, of Scott's Minstrels, paid him a visit during their engagement in Grand Rapids, Mich.

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Richards, Pringles, Rusco and Holland's Minstrel Festival are filling a two weeks' engagement in Chicago. So far their business has been phenomenal.

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P. G. Lowery's large concert band will appear in all of the leading cities of the United States. He has secured some of the best talent in the profession.

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Cole and Johnson's "A Trip to Coontown" closed a prosperous season April 9, at Chicago. Ed. W. Cook announces that next season will open early in August.

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Hardy Bazel, an old Indianapolis boy, has adopted the nom de plume of "Teddy H. Baker," and joined hands with W. R. Baker in the managament of the Baker Comedy Company.

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E. O. Green, trombone soloist, of the Nashville Students, spent April 2, in Des Moines, Ia., visiting his brother P. G. Lowery. They both had the pleasure of entertaining the Canadian Jubilee Singers with cornet and trombone solos and duetts, from each of the soloists, afterwhich the singers rendered a few solos, duetts and choruses which made the evening a music festival for all.

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The Ray Sisters—Annie and Rosie, assisted by F. McHenry are making a big hit nightly in their original society sketch entitled: "The Faithful Husband" with the Baker Comedy Co.

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Mr. Orpheus M. McAdoo writes from Chicago that he has been most successful in securing talent for his tour. He is organizing the finest array of colored talent that has ever left America.

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"A Hot Time in Darktown" as presented by Mr. and Mrs. Billy McClain assisted by a number of other clever people, was well received last week at Miner's Eighth Avenue Theatre, New York City.

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The Mitchells—Jesse and Estella are closing the olio with the "Coontown Four Hundred" company, where they are presenting their new and novelty act introducing some very difficult acrobatic feats.

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Billy Williams, jr., frog equilibrist and comedian, formerly of the Williams Brothers, writes that hereafter he will work alone. He is hard at work learning several new tricks which he will introduce this coming season.

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Prof. Henderson Smith, leader of the famous $5.000,00 challenge band, now with John W. Vogel's Mastodon Minstrels, has signed with Orpheus M. McAdoo. Prof. Smith will have full charge of the band. Musicians read his "ad" elsewhere on this page.

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The Old Plantation Trio—Martinett, Roddy and Wallace, musical artists, writes that they are progressing nicely on their new musical act since the arrival of their new instruments. W. W. Scales has joined the trio and will appear with them through the East. The trio sends regards to the McCarver Bros., Clarence Powell, Sylvester Russell, Skip Farrell and Miss Edna King.

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L. E. Gideon, manager of the Nashville Students, also Dan Desdunes and J. A. Stewart visited P. G. Lowery and members of his band in Des Moines, Ia., April 2; and once more filled Lowery's heart with joy to meet his old constant band boys who by their promptitude, practice and encouragement laid the foundation for him as a director.

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The Bakers—W. R. and Teddy (Hardy Bazel) have organized a vaudeville and specialty company of much merit. They opened their season at the opera house in Calgary, N. W. T., April 6-7. They are known as the Baker Comedy Co., with the following array of talent: W. A. McLean, W. R. Baker, T. H. Baker, J. Hillman, C. F. Ward, Henry Harris, J. Covington, Annie Ray. Irene DeBar, Katie Harris, F. McHenry and Rosie Ray, Rosie Harris, and Annie Harris.

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Mr. W. H. Parker writes from Montgomery, Ala., that the Black Patti Troubadours showed that c ty April 4. The McDonald Opera House seats comfortably 1,000 persons and about 1,200 can stand or lean as the case may be. April 4th will never be forgotten in Montgomery, from the very fact that the Black Patti Troubadours made a big hit with both colored and white, of whom are capable of judging. Fully 2000 people pushed their way into the opera house to hear and see the famous Black Patti Troubadours. Black Patti is beyond contradiction the greatest character in this country, in her line of business.

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The Nashville Students, the Georgia Up-to-Date and the famous Canadian Jubilee Singers spent Easter Sunday in in Des Moines, Ia. It was one of the jolliest meetings in the history of the three companies, the time only passed too quickly. The two bands—Georgia Up-to-Date and the Nashville Students united in a consolidated concert under the direction of P. G. Lowery. After the time was well spent the companies parted for their Monday's work, wishing for another Easter about July 4th in Chicago.

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Herbert LaShe writes: "I will soon close my season with Jno. W. Vogel's Mastodon Minstrels, and will open my summer season with my own company in "Gay Coons From Darktown" at Des Moines, Ia, with Cedar Rapids to follow. The following people have been engaged: M. D. and Ida Webster, comedy sketch team; John Armstrong, Tom Jefferson, and the Alabama Quartette. I will complete the company when I close with this company. Regards to all my friends.

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Mr. Chas. McIntire, 1427 Market st. St. Louis, corresponding secretary of Parker Lodge, No. 5. B. O. of C. P. writes the following:—Parker Lodge No. 5 B. O. of C. P., set up by Prof. Smith and Bailey gives promise to be one of the most prosperous lodges of the "Buffaloes." We desire to return a vote of thanks to Prof. Smith and Bailey also their friends and Bro. "Buffaloes" for their able management of conferring degrees and initiation. The Hon. J. Milton Turner is among our distinguished members also W. T. Curtis John Clark Chas. Edwin Ellis and others too numerous to mention. So you see what kind of material we have. Look out for us at the Grand Lodge in June. Regards to Darkest America Company and all "Buffaloes."

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Prof. C. E. Cross writes the following from St. Louis:—The John W. Vogel's Darkest America Co., were with us and I am glad to say the show is as good as ever happened in St. Louis. I have noticed it each year and every time it is a great deal better. Each individual in the company is a "performer." The band and orchestra are both fine. I have never met a more genteel set of men together also including the ladies. They are in harmony at all times with each other. A more pleasant set I've never had the acquaintance of. The people of St. Louis and especially Prof. Chas. E. Cross and Lee Smith wish the show much success, all in the world. Regards to all the showmen at large, hoping I may have the pleasure of speaking of another first-class colored show.

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Mr. C. J. Scotte, sends the following from Mahara's Minstrels:—"All are well and happy with the company, our business has been to the highmost round of the ladder. While in Kansas City Messrs C. J. Scotte and Louis F. Wright were the guest of Mr. Nate Wilkins' mother. Mr. C. J. Scotte spent Easter Sunday in Kansas City the guest of Miss J. E. Watts who is an accomplished pianist. Mr. Leroy Bland the male prima dona, and Terpcrean artist and Will Garland, the sweet singer are a decided success in their act entitled the "Dude and the Soubrette." Mr. Gordon Collins is is still knocking 'em twister in his after piece entitled the "Burlesque on Sharkey and McCoy fight." The Watts'—Al F. and Cecil, have been engaged to appear with us during our Eastern engagements their style of working is grand and leaves the audience in a continuous uproar every night. Mr. Oliver Perry is still "fighting" his violin. "Dodd I have my six C's. and make more when I am feeling good." Handy.

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Jesse Mitchell, of the Mitchells, our special representative with the "Coontown Four Hundred" company, writes; "We are now touring Illinois and Ohio, playing to packed houses. On Sunday April 2, we turned away over three hundred people at 7 30. We have a strong company of thirty-five people which includes the Blackstone Quartette, the musical team of Will and Pauline Humphreys, and the Mithells. Mrs. Lavigne Garnette is taking encores singing "My Honolulu Queen." Misses Rosie Grayson and Ida Forcen are winning rounds of applause. Lizzie Parker, Sadie Liderson and Jennie Williams are our buck and wing dancers. Miss Julia Roan, our leading soprano, late member of "A Trip to Coontown" is the star of the company, and is meeting with great success. Wm. Dixon is playing the part of policeman and never fails to make a big hit. Chas. Arnold, comedian, is singing "I Guess I'll Have to Telegraph My Baby," Wm. C. Hayden, "The Hottest Coon in Dixie," H. J. Harris, the "Prince of the Hawai Island." George Dorsey, late of Martin's U. T. C. is with us. Prof. Hugo Cohn proves to be a great value to the show. The Blackstone Quartette certainly brings down the house.

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Mr. Fred Simpson our special representative with Oliver Scott's Minstrels writes:—"For four nights we played to the capacity of the Grand Opera House at Grand Rapids, Mich. Manager Stair of the Grand was so pleased with our entertainment that he offered us a return date but the offer was rejected on account of the big shows time being filled in for this season. Our magnificent first part setting was well praised by both press and people as were also the specialties that make up our matchless olio. We met the Slayton Jubilee Singers in Muskegon, Mich.. They were appearing at the white Methodist Church and were greeted with a large audience Friday night. On Friday night the members of the Oliver Scott's Minstrels and Messrs, Joe Haggerman, the renowned basso. Al Tutt, the famous cake walker who won the championship prize at the Madison Square Garden, and William Washington, the great mimic and whistler were tendered a reception at the Elk's Hall, by the Elk's Lodge, of Muskegon. Everybody retired to the great banquet hall where the tables were loaded with all the delicacies of the season. Songs, speeches and witty sayings were indulged in while each and every one endeavored to get on the outside of all the good things to eat and drink that were in sight. Verily we have a very enjoyable time.

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Notes from the John W. Vogel's Mastodon Minstrels, and Darkest America:—"From the St. Louis Post Dispatch. John W. Vogel's Mastodon Minstrels combined with Darkest America returned to Havlin's Theatre the 26th and found a warm welcome. The show has been changed since its last appearance here to admit of an olio, the two acts of southern darkey life are full of singing and buck and wing dancing, the Capital City Quintette. Brooks, Hughes, Tyler, Lewis and Herbert who are billed as the Charleston shouters, did themselves honor as they had to respond to five encores in comedy and classical singing. Arthur Deming a black monologist, was well received by his home friends and kept before the curtain twice his allotted time; Ollie Young gave a wonderful exhibition of club swinging; Lawrence on the wheel; John Rucker, the Alabama Blosssom; La She, in high wire act, were also among the olio's best features. Lawrence Chenault a tenor singer has a voice that should land him higher upon the ladder of fame and incidently add to his exchequer. The performance concluded with a cake walk by the company in court costumes. Mr. Geo. Titchner as master of ceremonies, taking it all in a whole, its the best show of its kind seen here this season." The members of Darkest America, were royally entertained and banquetted during their engagement at St. Louis at several clubs and notable among them was the one the company attended Thursday evening at Prof. Lucky's Dancing Acadmey and we didn't go home until morning. Messrs Tyler, Rucker, Hughes and Brooks were the guest of Miss A. Brown at supper Thursday evening during their engagement in St. Louis, Prof. Chas. E. Cross and his orchestra furnished music for the occasion and to say we had a swell time is only putting it in a mild form. Mr. O. M. McAdoo, visited Prof. Henderson Smith at St. Louis. The boys all send regards to Dan Avery, we received your telegram Dan. Prof. Chas. E. Cross, violinist was with Prof. G. W. Housely's Orchestra at St. Louis, and was a great addition to the same. Bailey and Housley musical artists are closing their act with a trombone contest, which keep the audience spellbound with their pedal notes, a warm tramp.

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W. H. Smith sends the following.—In sending you this communication I do so to furnish you with some few things that happened to our well known comedian Mr. Ernest Hogan, late of the Black Patti Troubadours. Saturday night April, 1, at New Orleans he was given a reception by the Students Orchestra under the direction of Prof. W. J. Nickerson. The reception consisted of instrumental and vocal selections by the grandest organization of our race whose members comprise the elite of New Orleans families. Mr. Hogan contributed several of his well known songs much to the satisfaction of those present. On Sunday morning at 11.45 we took the L. & N. R. R. for New York in a Pullman Car. At Mobile, Mr. Hogan sent a telegram to his mother, who resides at Bowling Green, Ky. requesting her to be at the depot as he was en route to New York city. After riding all night we arrived at Bowling Green at 9.30 a. m. Monday. During our trip we had as traveling companions, Capt. W. M. Eckin of the U. S. Army, who is on his way to Manila and Dr. F. C. Simpson of Louisville, Ky., and C. J. Fitzgerald, who has been starter at the New Orleans race track, this winter. On arriving at Bowling Green, the home of Mr. Hogan he was met by forty or more of his friends including his dear old mother who embraced him with tears in her eyes kisssing him as only a mother can. The other members of the party surrounded him shaking him by the hands. The crowd was so big that the passengers in the coaches all joined in and they all voted that President McKinley would be proud of such a reception. Not only did they receive him royally, but dinned him as they presented him with a big basket of fried "chicken," fresh home-made biscuits and cakes. We set a table in the car and enjoyed it as much as if it had been served in a big cafe and for blocks along the railroad track the people stood waving handkerchiefs and shouting good bye. Mr. Hogan was very much affected by the outburst of so much affection shown him. We arrived at Cincinnati 5.30 p. m. and I bade Ernest good bye as he boarded the Big Four and continued on to New York, where he is to star in a new comedy that is being prepared for him. I enjoyed his company very much on the trip. We tender our sincere thanks to the ladies and gentlemen comprising The Students Orchestra for the manner in which they entertained us. The Students Orchestra is composed as follows:—Prof. W. J. Nickerson, Director; Violins, Mrs. E. C. Harris, Misses Emma Perkins, Emma Rose Williams, Marie Ginbeau, Valena C. McArthur, Marie Pesson, Louise Handy, Florence Lewis, Master Morris Lewis, Master Henry Nickerson. Violas, Miss Rosa Fleming Mrs. M. Lastraps; Violincello, Miss Julia Ellen Lewis. Piano, Cammille Lucy Nickerson. Cornet, Edw. Bowman. Trombone, Jas. A. Porter. Drums, A. Delue. Sopranos—Miss Stella A. E. Bragley, Miss Leona Delue. Contralto. Miss Viola Hurst. Tenor, Mr. A. Delue.

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 (But the trees and wires mind)
Ah, now she's off, she's off
 In the breezy, breezy Kite-time!

Oh the kites of many hues—
 Paper? It matters not the kind,
Red, white and blue, "newsy" too
 For the happy boys at Kite-time.

—[Julia Jones Williams, Memphis, Tenn.

W. A. Kemp of Duluth, Minn., has recently been made junior partner in the firm of Edwards & Co., decorators.

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The Pittsburg Presbytery for the first time in its history has elected a colored man moderator. He is the Rev. B. M. Lanier pastor of Grace Memorial church of that city.

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Messrs W. B. Kipp, James Kidd and other citizens of Clark County, Ky., will establish a stock yard in Covington to be known as the Central Yards. The land has already been leased and work on the buildings will soon begin.

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"A bright colored girl graduates," is the heading of an item that appeared in a recent issue in the Indianapolis News. The young lady referred to is Miss Bertha Carter of Petersburg. Ind., who graduated recently with seven pupils all white young men. Miss Carter is styled one of the brightest pupils in the class.

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The will of the late Frederick G. Barbadoes, of Boston Mass., of September, 1897, and naming Dr. Chas. B. Purvis of that city executor, was filled for probate March 16. Substantial bequests are made to the following colored organizations: The Home for Aged Colored Women Boston, $1000; Home for Aged and Infirmed Colored Persons, Philadelphia $1000; Home for the Aged Women and Orphans of the District of Columbia, $1000, The sinking fund of St. Luke, P. E. Church in the District of Columbia, $1000; sinking fund of the A. M. E. Church, M street, between Fifteenth and Sixteenth sts., Boston, $500; sinking fund of the Fifteenth Street Presbyterian Colored Church, D. C. $500; Wilberforce University of Ohio, $500; A. M E. Metropolitan Wesley Zion, Church, $500; Livingstone, A. M. E. Zion, College, Saulisbury, N. C., $500; Lincoln Memorial Congregational Church of the District of Columbia, $1000; First Independent Colored Baptist Church, Boston, $500; Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va. $500; Metropolitan Baptist Church, Vermont, Ave., Boston, $250; Celestial Masonic Lodge, No 4, Boston, $100; colored Grand Lodge, Masonic, building fund, Boston, $500.

To Mrs. Amanda E. French, of Boston $300; also a very large amount of cash bequests, the majority of $50 each to individuals in different sections of the country. Should there be any residue left in the hands of the executor the will provides it be given share and share alike to Tuskegee Institute, Ala.; Lincoln University, Penn., and Manasses Institute, Va.

Wedding Bells.

Paducah, Ky., Special.

Johnnie Hale and Miss Lena McCauley of this city were married in Metropolis, Ill., April 3rd, happy success (children.) Mrs. Lulu Leech after 6 days suffering from a dislocated hip is improving. Alex Stevens returned on the 3rd inst from a social trip to Murray, Ky., visiting friends. Jno, Steele of 222 Monroe street, is suffering from a severe attack of pneumonia. You had better stay at home in the night John. After a long and victorious fight the Marine doctors have passed a law that all roustabouts shall have births suspended over the boilers of all boats to prevent them from lagrippe. Elic Owens says he lost with all hands up. John Moore was at church Easter Sunday. Flim Steele says that Will Hynes can't sing at all. The Knights and Daughters of Tabor will install officers on the 4th Monday night in April. Miss Addie Stocker has returned from a visit to relatives at Dover, Tenn., W. M. Fugria and Miss Florence Luck will extend invitations to friends for their marriage soon. Ella Foster is very sick at this writing, at 128 East Court street. The following gentlemen are preparing for a big Cake Walk in the near future, Onea Steadman, Grant Dollar, Rufas Bruntson Jr., and Jodie Davis. J. W. Moore has joined the Lime Kiln Club, now Procter you can hold the championship no longer. But you may be second best. Richard Logan has purchased a handsome suit of furniture and his many friends are expecting invitations. The revival at 7th street Baptist church is doing some splendid work. Dan Perry the expert tobacco packer at Herndrow Company has resigned to accept a position at Louisville, Ky., We wish Geo. White would please pay for his papers Easter is over now. W. H. Mansfield left on the 2nd for Philadelphia, in search of health accompanied by his wife Mrs. Sara L. Mansfield as far St. Louis. His many friends wish him a safe trip and success. W. A. Ross reads The Freeman every Saturday night and takes orders for clothes every Monday, every suit of clothes ordered from him you will get two months subscription of The Freeman free. Order now and avoid the rush.

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Items of Interest.

Knoxville, Tenn., Special.

Flanders Murphy is a genius, the latest novelties to his credit is a locomotive and a stationary engine. He does his own foundring, machine work uses tools made by himself only. The above are one horse power machines and the locomotive makes 20 miles per hour he has also patented a folding chair. Louis C—? the "Beau Brummell" of upper "snuff" has a complete wardrobe of socks, they can speaks for themselves, when he sits he yanks his trousers up above his kneee it is said he is an agent for a three for a quarter sock company. A. S. Jones has moved his tonsorial palace in a more convenient location he has re refited his place up entirely new, chairs, bath tubs, furnishings etc, he has also bought a fine Regina music box. His is one of the finest shops in the South. Jim Dixon the promising young pugilist of East Tennessee is on the road to fame, he having beaten all comers. He has a bout with Geo. Cheatham, Friday evening, both are in the pink of condition. A literary and musical entertainment was given at the Shiloh Presbyterian church Friday night March 31st. It was given by the young people. Phillipo Nelson sang "She was bred in old Kentucky," which was well received. next came Master Arthur G. Roy with "Just as the Sun Went Down," which he sang in a very pleasing manner, Joe Netherlands address was well received. The young ladies who proved active in the chorus were, Fannie Comers, Blanche Liliston, Mabel Mason, Belle Lacey and Annie Kitzmiller. Alonzo Hunter, of 1015 Payne street has been confined to his bed for the past few days, his many friends wish him a speedy recovery. Easter Sunday in Knoxville looked like dress parade day. All the churches had arranged special music for the day, the most successful being the 1st Baptist and Independent, Herman Russell is still playing? the slide trombone. He thinks he'll be with the Chicago Marine Band next year.—"Nit."

News Items.

Minneapolis, Minn. Special.

Cole and Johnson made the hit of their lives in this city Sunday eve., at "Bijou" Theatre and the Afro-American contingent are especially pleased because of the omission of the cake walk, which was better appreciated out than in. Bob Cole, is as funny as he is ragged. He is so ragged that if rags were trumps Cole would have a hand full of trumps, and Billie Johnson is there, there, all the time with chinook wind for breath, forever breathing warm air into poor Silas. The theatre patrons here make no prejudiced distinction towards the artists because of color. The Northwest is somewhat different. Miss Henrietta Vinton Davis appeared at St Peters, April, 4 and 5. Robert Lee, Deputy Co. Clerk seems to like the "Trip to Coontown" as he went there more than once. Mr. F. L. Hamilton, dining car conductor, was in the city and was complimented and congratulated by his many friends. Mesdames P. F. Hale, B. F. Pierce, Miss Nellie Alexander and Messrs Geo. Carlisle and James Bushes formed and impromptu concert company for the Sweedish M E. Church and very cleverly rendered their respective numbers with some credit to themselves. Rev. J. Will King is very well liked by his congregation at St. James A. M. E. Church. Rev. W. A. Bruce former pastor of St. James A. M. E. Church, has been confirmed by the Episcopalian Ministerial contingent, also were Hon. J. Frank Wheaton, with others. Rev. Bruce was given charge of the St. Thomas Mission, at 614 6th. ave. S., which will prove a boon and was a long felt want by many of our citizens. Mr. S. A. Gould captured a runaway horse in Olsens basement of the big store, last Saturday. The "Nat Turner," lodge K. of P, seems to thrive somehow. It is still receiving new members and has the finest hall west of New York City.

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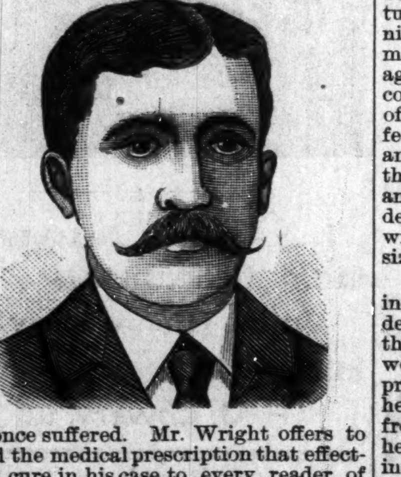

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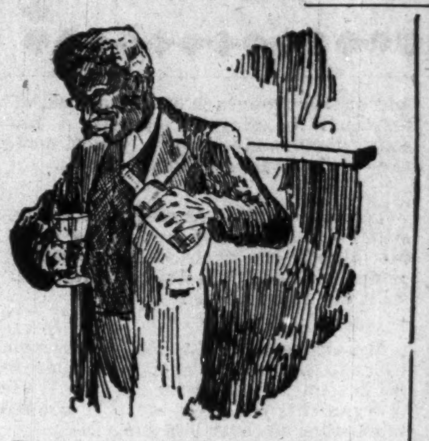

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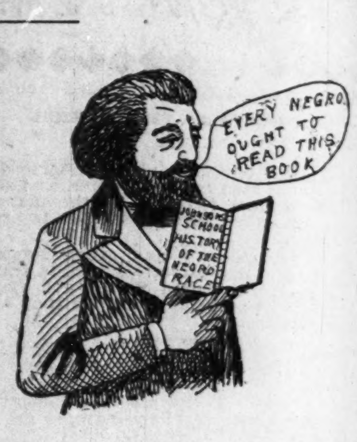
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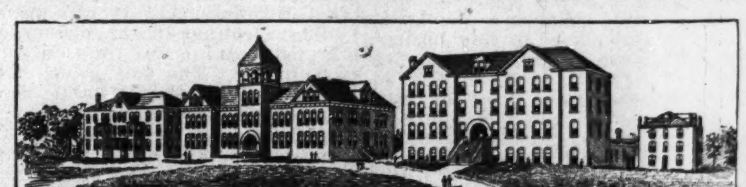

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IN A FIRE AT NIGHT.

A DRUMMER'S EXPERIENCE IN A BLAZING HOTEL.

What He Had Planned to Do In Just Such a Contingency and What He Really Did When the Opportunity Offered Itself.

"It's queer—not to say a source of chagrin—the difference between our intentions and our performances, isn't it?" said a commercial traveler at one of the hotels the other night. "I was in the Hotel Baldwin fire in San Francisco and lost everything I had along with me, including a thousand and odd dollars' worth of jewelry and all of my sample cases but one, and I was glad to get out with my life at that. It was the first hotel fire in which I had figured. I had often mentally calculated upon what I should do in case a hotel in which I was a guest should begin to conflagrate. I was going to be the coolest headed man within a radius of many miles. If the fire should break out in the middle of the night while I was in bed, I intended to get up very coolly upon being awakened, deliberately slip on enough clothing to keep me out of the hands of the police upon making my appearance, get my money and then pick up my most valuable sample case and the valise in which I had packed articles of clothing in current use and walk out, leaving the rest of my gear to take its chance upon the fire being squelched. On my way through the corridors, in case I met up with any beautiful, supplicating maidens or any aged, incapable women, I had it all pictured how I would drop my two grips and take them down the seething staircase, one on each arm, presenting a heroic and inspiring spectacle as I emerged from the caldron of flame.

"Well, what happened? Luckily for me, I had a third story front room in the Baldwin. The fire broke out in the basement along toward 3 o'clock in the morning. I snored luxuriously until about a dozen engines were throwing streams on the lower portion of the structure. When I was in the middle of a dream that I was standing in front of a lot of big stores on a great business thoroughfare, throwing croquet balls through huge plate glass windows—it was the smashing glass down below that got me into that strain of dreaming—I woke up. The glare in my room was something luminous. Did I slowly stretch, say to myself, 'Here's that long waited for fire, and it's up to me to be the man of the hour and the real thing?'

"Not much did I! I just hopped up like a man who finds a family of centipeds in his bed. I grabbed a pair of rubbers that were lying alongside my bed and put them on the wrong feet, giving all the time during the performance a realistic exhibition of a man undergoing a swamp chill. Then I snatched a mackintosh that I had thrown over my trunk on coming in the night before and folded it after considerable difficulty, owing to my chill tremblings, over my pyjamas. Then I reached for a hat, and of course it was about my luck to get the worst hat I owned out of half a dozen scattered over the room. Then I made for the door. I want you to understand that I made for the door in a hurry too.

"On my way to the door I stumbled over one of my sample cases and kicked it over in front of the door. I had to pick it up in order to open the door, and so I hung on to it and took it along with me. I afterward found it to be the least consequential sample case I had, one that I could very easily have dispensed with compared with those that I lost. Jewelry? Money? Duds? I wasn't thinking any more of them when I frantically unlocked and unbarred that door of mine than I was of taking a balloon before breakfast in the morning and starting for the north pole. I just wanted to get out, that's all. The halls were filled with smoke, I found, but after ten years of stopping annually at the Baldwin, generally in the same room, I knew the stairways and the route down to the lobby pretty well and I just put my free hand over my mouth and nose and made the rush.

"D'ye suppose that if I had met 40 of the most beautiful maidens on the globe—supplicating, imploring maidens—standing there confused in that third floor hallway I'd have picked 'em up one in each arm and, permitting them to gently nestle up against my mackintosh, have carried them triumphantly down the stairs and out into the street and under the broad arch of heaven and all that? No, I wouldn't have. It's grievous and grewsome to have to confess it, but I'd just have yelled at them to follow my route and then have kept on getting over territory myself. I fell down the first flight of stairs, from top to bottom, then picked myself up with the one idea of getting out, scampered to the head of the second flight of stairs and fell down those. I lit on the flagging of the lobby, and in two more seconds I was in the street. When, a few minutes later, I reflected upon my loss and the general hamlike character of my conduct, did I want to go back and get my things and do the whole thing over again right and in accordance with my preconceived intentions in case of a hotel fire? Nope. I was content to stand there in the street and figure how I'd perform the next time I got similarly caught."—Washington Star.

An Undertaking.

"Isabel, does your husband get angry when he tells you to wake him early and you don't do it?"

"No, dear. He knows that I know he doesn't mean it."—Chicago Record.

Action repeated becomes habit. Habit long continued becomes second nature. We are today what we were accustomed to do yesterday and the day before.—Lyman Abbott.

There are in the German empire about 490,000 persons belonging to other countries.

A BROKEN PANE OF GLASS.

One That Once Cost Citizen George Francis Train $60,000.

A broken window pane once cost George Francis Train more than $60,000. It was this way: Citizen Train, "with the brains of 20 men in his head, all pulling different ways," went to Omaha in the spring of 1864. At that time he was the most talked of man in America. He had not a thing but money. He bought 5,000 city lots, and altogether spent several hundred thousand dollars. He boarded at the Herndon House, the best hotel in sight. The quixotic Train was regular in only one thing—his habits. He always occupied the same seat at the table. One morning a pane of glass was broken out of a window directly behind his chair. He protested and was advised to change his seat. He would not. Instead he paid a servant 10 cents a minute to stand between him and the draft. After breakfast he expostulated with the landlord, but received no satisfaction.

"Never mind," said Train. "In 60 days I will build a hotel that will ruin your business."

And he did. The contract was let that day. Scores of men were put to work. The site selected was Ninth and Harney streets, near the Missouri river. Citizen Train went to New York and engaged Colonel Cozzens, a noted caterer of that city, as manager for his hotel.

The building alone cost $40,000. The furnishings cost $20,000 more. In the basement was a gas plant—the only one west of St. Louis. The work was done on time, and, true to his word, 60 days after he threatened the manager of the Herndon House George Francis Train, citizen of the earth, opened his hotel, which he called the Cozzens House. The grand opening ball was attended by the governor of Nebraska and his staff, the mayor of Omaha and many notables from other states. The house was a blaze of glory and a scene of almost oriental magnificence. Just when the big reception was well on there was a sudden flash, a strange noise, and then—total darkness! The gas plant had collapsed.

The Cozzens House did a flourishing business for a year or two and the Herndon House was badly crippled. Finally Train fell out with his manager and the place was closed.

After the business part of Omaha moved back from the river the Herndon House declined and finally relapsed into a state of innocuous desuetude. A few years later it became the property of the Union Pacific railroad and is still used as the headquarters of that company in Omaha.

Dr. H. H. Hibbard, a St. Louis dentist, was the first clerk of the Cozzens House.

A JACK OF ALL TRADES.

The Versatility of a Frenchman of the Eighteenth Century.

In times long gone by active men combined many vocations. The barber in those days was also the dentist and often performed other duties. A sign discovered in southern France recently shows how versatile it was possible for a man to become. The sign dates back to the last century and reads:

> Isaac Macairie, barber, wigmaker, healer, sacristan, schoolteacher, blacksmith and obstetrician; shaving, 1 sou; hair cutting, 2 sous; powdering and pomading very cheap for pretty, well bred young women; lamps lighted by the year or quarter; teaches the mother tongue in the best methods; instructs in singing and shoes horses with a master hand; makes and repairs boots and shoes; teaches the young to play the oboe and jewsharp; cuts out corns and applies blisters, plasters or cups at lowest prices; supplies purging medicine at 1 sou; visits houses to teach the cotillon and other dances; sells sachet powders of all kinds at wholesale and retail; also all kinds of stationery, shoe polish, salted herrings, spiced bread, bristle brushes, mousetraps of wire and other material, heart strengthening roots, potatoes, sausages and other kinds of vegetables.

One would naturally think that all those talents and occupations would be enough for one man. But not so in the case of M. Macaire. A postscript on the sign reads:

> I teach geography and foreign commerce every Wednesday and Friday. With God's help, I am ISAAC MACAIRE.

Effect and Cause.

The rattling of the musketry increased.

The pirate chief leaped to the mizzen halyards.

He waved his broken sword.

"Scuttle the ship!" he shrieked.

There was a moment's agonized silence.

Then a quavering voice arose above the guns.

"Master," it screeched. "somebody has stolen the scuttle!"

At this the rattling broke forth afresh and the man awoke.

His wife was shaking down the kitchen range.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The Magic Whirlpool.

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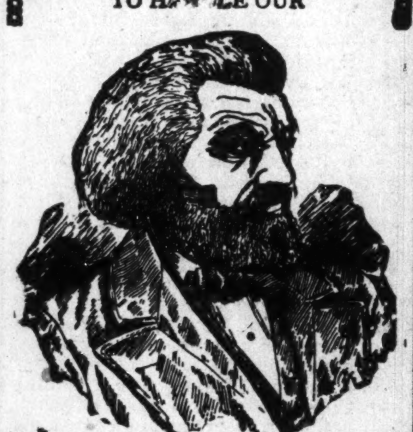

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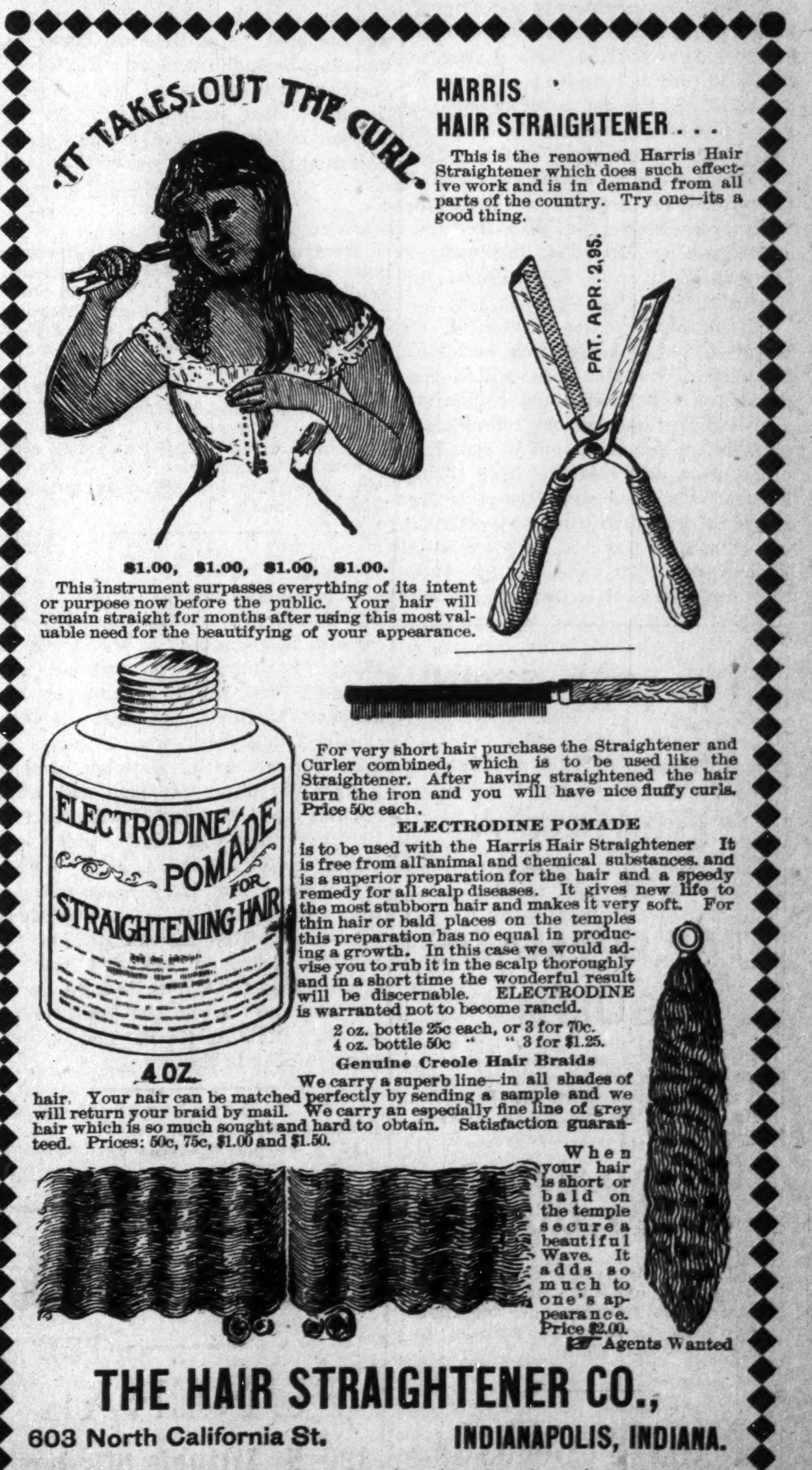
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Mr. Emry Rann, of Cass County, Mich. is in the city.

Mr. R. A. Robertss, of Shelbyville, Ind. was in the city Sunday.

Mr. Frank H. Lewis, of Chicago, manager of Jim Watts the pugilist was a pleasant visitor this week.

Dr. J. H. Ward and Major N. P. Gardner were in Chicago this week in the interest of the B. O. of C. P.

Mr. Edward S. Gaillard has returned from Charleston, S. C. where he has been serving as a member of the U. S. A. Hospital Corps. He speaks in the highest terms of Mr. Grant S. Neal, traveling representative of the Freeman, who is now in Charleston. Dr. Gillard will practice medicine in this city.

On last Wednesday the 5th., Mr. Frank Beckwith was united in marriage to Miss Aletha Grubbs at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Walker Johnson on Alvord street. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. W. Carr assisted by Rev. A. L. Murray. The couple were the recipient of many valuable presents. We congratulate them.

The Watts-Grim Contest.

The ten round boxing contest billed for the Empire Theatre last Monday night between Jim Watts, of Chicago and "Kid" Grim of this city was stopped by the police in the fifth round with all honors in favor of the colored boy as the "Kid" would have been put out in the limit. The decision was awarded to Watts but to disperse the followers of Grim, "jolly them along" and satisfy a few who insisted on having the blood of the referee, he reversed the decission. Watts was attended by Will Madison, of Kansas City, Mo., Kid Roberson, of Los Angles Cal. and F. H. Lewis of Chicago.

The six round contest between "Kid" Roberson, of Los Angles, Cal. and Nick Stadfeld, of Cleveland, O., which preceeded the Watts-Grim fight resulted in a victory for Roberson, the referee stopping the contest in the fifth round in order to save Stadfeldt from being knocked out. The many friends of Mr. Roberson were highly pleased with the clever manner in which he disposed of his man and from now on will stake their last whenever he dons the gloves. Mr. Robersons parents are respected and well to do citizens of Los Angles, and object to him fighting but the "Kid" says it is like finding money as he generally wins his fights with a single "punch." John Hall, the veteran war horse and the hero of fifty battles says the "Kid" is the best 133 pound man in the business.

The mangled body of William B. Lewis was found early Saturday morning beside the Big Four railroad tracks near Noble street. Discharge papers were found in his pocket showing that he was a member of Co. F., Twenty-fourth U. S. Infantry and left the service, Feb. 4, at Ft. Russell, near Cheyenne, Wyo.

The Colored Preachers Union met at Bethel A. M. E. Church last Monday morning. A good number of the pastors in the city were present, also Rev. E. L. Gilliam P. E. arrived from Jeffersonville in time to cheer the meeting with words of encouragement and bright thoughts on the subjects that were then being discussed, namely: "The advisability of organizing a Sabbath School Union." "The best plan to save those who are unfortunate enough to get into the clutches of the law." etc. Many bright ideas were presented and good plans suggusted Rev. L. E. Christy will read a paper at next meetting. Subject, "Ethics of the postage stamp; or Small Things." The union holds its next meeting April 24, at Bethel church, 10 a. m. Ministers in good standing in their respective denominations are welcome to membership.

News Items.

Shelbyville, Ind. Special.

On the sick list—Abe Russell, Josie and Nelson Grissom. Mrs. Maria Hill spent a day at Indianapolis. John Smith will marry a young lady of Indianapolis soon. Rev. L. W. Gray and wife went to Walnut O., on last Sunday. Rev. Joseph Robinson's wife presented to him a fine 12 pound baby girl on last Tuesday. The young lady and its mother are getting along very nicely. Prof. R. A. Roberts spent the day in Indianapolis on last Sunday. Rev. J. W. Terry an evangelist, of Proctorville O., preached at the Second Baptist church last Sunday. He also gave a lecture last Monday night on "Temperance." The Southern Indiana State Teacher's Association held here on the 6, 7, and 8 of April, was one of the most interesting ever held. There were more than twelve hundred teachers in attendance. The rain fell incessantly from the time the teachers arrived on Thursday until they departed on Saturday evening. The art exhibit which is a new feature of the Association is growing in favor and was the finest ever given in connection with this meeting. Ten different cities were represented. The Chicago exhibit took first rank, Shelbyville second, Richmond third and Terre Haute, fourth. The association will be held in Evansville next year. There were thirty colored teachers present. The colored people gave them a reception at the Second Baptist Church at which a delightful program was rendered. Mrs. Rebecca Carey of Indianapolis and Mrs. Hattie Taylor of Madison were guests of Mrs. Orange Dennis on last Sunday. Prof. E. L. Grissom of Mitchell was here last week attending the Teacher's association.

News Items.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Special.

Mrs. Owens is very sick with pneumonia. Little Edna Ballard is well again. While cutting stone Mr. Coker, of Dudley Place was badly hurt Saturday morning by a piece of stone which flew in his eye. Miss Minerva Watts, of Detroit is visiting her aunt Mrs. Owens. The Ninteenth Century Club met with Mrs. A. Jones last Wednesday and an interesting program was given. Dainty refreshments were served and the club adjourned to meet with Mrs. E. Robinson. Mrs. Theodore Prince is quite ill with rheumatism.

Items.

Springfield, O., Special.

The minister of the Third Baptist church administered baptism to three converts last Sunday, at the creek in North Springfield. A surprise was tendered Miss Birdie Jackson at her home on the North side, last Tuesday evening, the party was in honor of Miss Birdie's 19th birthday. Misses Venner and Mayme Robbins will leave Monday April 17, for Washington C. H., where they will give a piano and violin recital at the A. M. E church of that city. Mrs. Harvey was burried from Center street M. E. church Friday the 8th ult. Miss Martha Radden has returned from an extended visit to Xenia friends. Charles Filmore was in the city last week the guest of his mother. Mr. Norris of London, O,, spent Sunday in the city.

News Items.

Henderson, Ky., Special.

W. A. Gaines Revenue Inspector was in the city this week. Mrs. Julia Alves and son Ulysses of Indianapolis are visiting relatives here. Mrs. Harriet Frazier is in Corydon, attending the bedside of her brother. Mr. and Mrs. John Crabtree, and Miss Julia Alves spent Sunday in Evansville. Marriages:—Miss Agnes Harvey and Harrison Hall; Mrs. Susie T. Hardin and Bradley Ball. Daniel Greene son of Mr. and Mrs. Thornton Greene died recently of consumption at the residence of his parent on Clay street. Mrs, Fort of Nashville, Tenn., was the guest of her sister Mrs. Fannie Barnett last week. Mrs. Mattie Barnett-Short died April 5, at the residence of her parents 850 Madison street. Mrs. Short had been ill eleven months. Her many friends sympathize with the bereaved family. An Easter Soiree was given April 3rd at the U. B. and A. S., hall. The house of Mrs. Minnie Barnett was damaged by fire last Friday morning.

Darkest America in Hannibal.

Hannibal, Mo., Special.

Rev. P. L. Hubbard of Denver, Colo. preached at the A. M. E. church, Sunday morning. Geo. Elegin Jr., has returned from Kansas City, on account of the serious illness of his mother. A fire broke out in the Park Hotel about 4:30 Saturday afternoon. Three persons were seriously injured, the fourth and fifth stories were completely destroyed. Samuel Cook is in the city attending the bedside of his sister, Mrs. Elegin, Sr. Ed. Phœnix the talented young violinist of Hannibal will give a grand concert at Syoc's Hall, Monday April 17th. Wm. Hamilton and W. H. Hull take a Freeman every week. J. H. Pelham is one of The Freeman's warm friends. Darkest America appeared at the Park Opera House Tuesday April 4, to a crowded house. John Rucker and Chas. B. Tyler, with their songs and jokes kept the audience in continual laughter from start to finish. Henderson Smith's famous Concert Band rendered excellent music and deserves special mention.

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